

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Title

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC EXTRACTION
OF LOAD-BEARING REGIONS OF THE CARTILAGE AND
MEASUREMENT OF BIOMARKERS

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification (with Title Page) Total Pages 22
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 8
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration Total Pages
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(for continuation / divisional w/ box 18 completed)
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the
prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
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7. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
 10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
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19. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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